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ELDER ABUSE ON THE RISE IN TENNESSEE

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE BRINGS IN EXPERTS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE

WHAT:

The Tennessee Department of Human Services' Adult Protective Services (APS) division in conjunction with Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee, is hosting the 14th Training Institute on Abuse of Vulnerable Adults this week. The conference will focus on how to identify and respond to elder abuse in Tennessee.

APS received more than 8,000 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation in 2006—an increase of nearly 25 percent in four years. More than 10,000 clients received services last year. One third of all APS cases involve neglect by others, with more than 80 percent of perpetrators related to the victim.

WHEN:

May 30 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

May 31 8:30 a.m. - noon

WHERE:

Millennium Maxwell House
Nashville

MORE:

The conference will feature experts in the area of alcoholism in an aging population, “perpetual clients” and gathering evidence for the purpose of prosecution. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is leading the workshop “Taking Digital Pictures for Evidentiary Purposes.” This workshop begins at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 30th.

A special meeting will follow the conference on Thursday, May 31st to develop a statewide coalition to prevent and respond to elder abuse.

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